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Honorable John Sparkman, Chairman
Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In accordance with your letter of 16 August 1976, a review has been completed of Committee executive session (Top Secret) transcripts of 29 July 1958 and 18 January 1960 for declassification.

The transcripts contain candid comments by Mr. Dulles concerning certain foreign nations and leaders [redacted] which could trigger unfavorable reactions affecting our foreign relations. Further, certain information provided by Mr. Dulles is still classified. Accordingly, we respectfully request that the transcripts not be released.

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The Committee's transcripts which you provided are enclosed and returned herewith.

Sincerely,

/s/ George Bush

George Bush
Director

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Attached for the Director's signature is a letter to Chairman Sparkman, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, in response to his letter requesting a review of Committee TS transcripts of testimony by Director Dulles and others on 29 July 1958 and 18 January 1960, for purposes of declassification. A history scholar has made a request to the Committee for review of the transcripts for his own research.

There is certain information in the transcripts which is still classified, though it amounts to only a few pages.

We have advised the Committee staff there would be a delay in responding due to the extensive review necessary.

[Signature]
George L. Cary
Legislative Counsel

Attachment

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Remarks:

George: Obviously we need to know who the interested parties are. Please review and develop DCI response.

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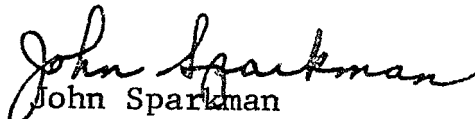
The Honorable George Bush
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Bush:

The Committee on Foreign Relations has received a request for access to the executive sessions of the Committee: July 29, 1958, and January 18, 1960, at which times Allen W. Dulles, then Director of CIA, testified. The transcripts are classified TOP SECRET. Unless the Agency has any objections, the Committee will make these transcripts available to the interested party.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,


John Sparkman
Chairman

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| TO : Mr. Cary | DATE OF REQUEST |
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| NOTES <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p> I attended the meeting in Mr. Knoche's office at which [redacted] OGC, [redacted] DA/DCI were present. Bolten raised the point that the release of the transcripts could inhibit future presentations of the DCI to the Foreign Relations Committee. However, Mr. Knoche thought it best that we go back to the Committee raising objections on the basis of foreign policy considerations and see what reaction we get. The letter was revised accordingly. </p> </div> | |
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Honorable John Sparkman, Chairman
Committee on Foreign Relations
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

In accordance with your letter of 16 August 1976, a review has been completed of Committee executive session (Top Secret) transcripts of 29 July 1958 and 18 January 1960 for declassification.

Certain information provided by Agency witnesses during the testimony is still classified and should be deleted. Enclosed are pages of the transcripts which excise classified information. We would have no objection to the declassification of the transcripts if the excised information is omitted.

The Committee's transcripts which you provided are being forwarded to you under separate cover.

Sincerely,

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